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Sir, I will not trespass longer on the time of this audience. This is the 20th anniversary of this society which I have had the pleasure to attend. I have witnessed the changes through which it has passed, the many trials it has had to encounter. I have seen the different phases which the peace cause has assumed since I have had connection with it. But, Sir, I have never seen a time when I thought there was a more favorable moment for action than the present, when there was greater encouragement to exertion, or the field more ripe for the harvest.

A great reaction in regard to war is inevitable. It comes by one of the great laws of the human mind. The war fever has been terrific, especially in Europe; it has raged with frightful virulence, and many persons, alas, have made shipwreck of their principles in the holy cause of peace; but reason will return, and assert her empire; in the calm moments of reflection, religion will extend her benign influence, and the peace cause will go forward with such power and success as we have never yet witnessed.

ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

American Peace Society in account with JOHN FIELD, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS—	
Balance from last year's account.....	\$574.09
Reported in Advocate of Peace for August 1855,.....	294.34
Reported in the Annual Report,.....	3,878.04
	<hr/> \$4,746.47
PAYMENTS—	
For postage, meetings, and expenses connected with the office,.....	\$391.30
“ paper, printing, and other expenses relating to publications,.....	1,468.88
“ agencies, and travelling expenses,.....	1,769.16
“ fund reserved to pay annuity,.....	1,000.00
“ balance to next account,.....	117.13
	<hr/> \$4,746.47

We have examined the foregoing account, and find it correctly cast, and properly vouched.

Boston, May 24, 1856.

JULIUS A. PALMER, }
L. T. STODDARD. } Auditors.

BY-LAWS.

1. Ten members shall be requisite for a quorum of the Society; six for a quorum of the Board of Directors, and four for a quorum of the Executive Committee.
2. All meetings of the Society shall be notified by the Recording Secretary in its official organ at least two weeks previous. Special meetings may be called by the President, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors; but all such meetings shall be timely notified in the periodical of the Society, or by special notification to each member.
3. The Society's fiscal year shall be considered as commencing on the first day of May in each year; and any person refusing or neglecting to pay his subscription, if called upon, shall forfeit his right to vote at any meeting until paid.
4. All Officers of the Society shall continue in office until successors are chosen.
5. The Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, are respectively authorized to make any regulations for their own government, not inconsistent with the Constitution and these By-Laws.
7. The Officers of the Society shall keep suitable records; and files of letters and other documents relating to their offices, which shall be open to the inspection of the President, Directors, or Executive Committee; and copies shall be furnished, when required by them, to the Society.

7. All monies received on account of the Society, shall be paid to the Treasurer as soon as possible after they are collected, and no money shall be paid for the Society except in conformity to a vote of the Executive Committee, with a written approval of a Committee on Bills.

8. The Treasurer's Annual Account shall be laid before the Board of Directors at their meeting next preceding the Society's annual meeting, and be submitted to such Auditors as said Directors may appoint, preparatory to its presentation before the Society.

9. Members to the Society shall be entitled to all its current publications, and donors of one dollar or more to its periodical for the year.

10. A copy of the Society's Constitution and By-Laws shall be furnished to all its officers and members; and any changes that may be made in the same, shall be published in the Society's periodical.

11. Whenever any change or amendment of these By-Laws shall be proposed by the Directors, the Executive Committee, or any ten members of the Society, at any regular meeting, it may be adopted at such meeting, or any subsequent one, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RECEIPTS,

Being all not before acknowledged in Advocate of Peace during the year.

Boston,	\$20.00	W. Fayette, N. Y.,	5 38
North Brookfield,	65.00	Varick, "	1 00
West Brookfield,	16.00	Romulus, "	4.15
Fitchburg, additional,	12.50	Spencerport, "	2.44
West Boylston,	18.00	Millville, "	4.50
Clinton,	26.00	Knowlesville, "	7.15
Uxbridge, additional,	2.00	Byron, "	3.73
Woburn,	19.00	Fon du Lac, Wis.,	1.00
Jordan, N. Y.,	5.17	Bergen, N. Y.,	4.52
Branchport, "	3.05	Verona Depot, "	1.11
Prattsburg, "	5.00	Verona Village, "	3.00
Springport, "	20.25	Seneca Falls, "	8.77
East Hampton, Mass.,	1.00	Watkins, "	2.27
South Merrimack, N. H.,	2.00	West Woodstock, Ct.,	2.00
New York, N. Y.,	25.00	Providence, R. I.,	50.00
Providence, R. I.,	152.00	New York, N. Y.,	50.00
Fall River,	9.00	Walpole, N. H.,	20.00
Medford,	7.08	Fort Atchinson, Wis.,	3.68
Southbridge,	19.25	White Water, "	3.25
Grafton,	7.00	Burlington, "	3.20
New England Village,	14.00	Racine, "	5.20
Millbury,	33.25	Kenosha, "	1.00
Lyne, N. H.,	2.00	Myscena, "	2.62
Enfield,	18.00	Portage, "	6.20
Worcester,	82.50	Leory, "	3.00
New London, Ct.,	40.00	Fon du Lac, "	5.76
Dover, Wis.,	2.00	Waupan, "	6.67
Spring Prairie, "	75	Laporte, "	2.00
Racine, "	11.85	Leoni, Mich.,	1.00
Paris, "	7.00	Union, "	6.40
Kenosha, "	5.00	Sherwood, N. Y.,	2.00
Freeport, Ill.,	14.87	Shirleysburg, Pa.,	50.00
Union Grove, "	16.36	Stratham, N. H.,	11.25
Molteni, "	8.50	Winthrop, Me.,	2.00
Rock Island, "	8.13	Mystic Bridge, Ct.,	1.00
Lyndon, "	10.00	Boston,	2.00
Davenport, Iowa,	7.96	Gardner,	1.00
Rockford, Ill.,	1.00	Bedford, N. Y.,	25.00
Hartford, Ct.,	5.00	South Dedham,	2.00
Springfield,	10.00	Manchester,	3.00
Chicopee,	15.00	East Needham,	3.00
Bangor, Me.,	36.50	Braintree,	3.00
Winthrop, "	20.00	Proctorsville, Vt.,	3.00
Darien, Ct.,	2.00	Auburn, N. H.,	2.00
Shelburn Falls,	10.50	Conway, "	2.00
Aurora, N. Y.,	5.55	Woburn,	2.06
Meriden, "	9.87	Taunton,	3.00

Receipts.

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West Bloomfield, N. Y.,	7.04	Abington, Ct.,	5.00
West Avon,	3.00	Fitchburg,	11.76
Greggsville,	5.00	Sandwich,	10.00
Fowlersville, N. Y.,	2.00	Medfield,	2.00
Livonia, "	1.00	Plymouth, Ind.,	4.60
Penn Yan, "	22.59	Aurora, Ill.,	7.94
Syracuse, "	3.22	Rockton, "	15.13
Auburn, "	9.00	Roscoe, "	5.60
Marion, "	6.94	Janesville, Wis.,	9.55
Putneyville, "	6.26	Sugar Creek, "	6.00
Albany, "	1.00	Rochester, "	2.00
Williamson "	5.23	Waterford, "	8.25
Sodus, "	1.00	Raymond, "	4.25
Canillus, "	3.26	Caledonia, "	3.83
Serrett, "	6.35	Monroe, "	11.67
Peterboro', "	33.13	Shallsburgh, "	2.00
Sherburn, "	13.00	Constantine, Mich.,	1.00
Westfield, Ill.,	1.00	Townsend,	5.00
Salem,	2.00	Farmington, Ct.,	16.56
Castine, Me.,	34.00	Beverly,	21.00
Plantsville, Ct.	30.00	Salem,	1.00
Cheshire "	5.00	Dorchester,	5.00
West Springfield,	3.00	Auburn, N. Y.,	1.00
West Brookfield,	3.00	Buskirk's Bridge, "	5.00
Glastenburg, Ct.,	10.00	Fairhaven,	15.00
Campton, N. H.,	2.00	New Bedford,	130.00
Bakersville, Ct.,	2.00	South Bedford, N. H.,	1.00
Braintree,	2.00	Providence, R. I.,	17.50
New Britain, Ct.,	3.00	Slatersville, "	2.00
Rochester, N. Y.,	5.00	Woonsocket, "	1.00
Deerfield Centre, N. H.,	20.00	Pittsford, Vt.,	1.00
Gardner,	1.00	Worcester,	19.50
Burrville, Ct.,	3.00	Coventry, N. Y.,	5.00
Reading,	2.00	Lawrence,	1.00
Brunswick, Me.,	10.00	Rochester, N. Y.,	5.00
Danversport,	1.00	Batavia,	3.00
Farmington, Ct.,	13.00	Philad. estate of Jasper Cope,	250.00
South Reading,	1.00	Northborough,	5.00
Dedham,	5.00	Boston,	6.00
Sherwood, N. Y.,	2.00	Alna, Me.,	4.24
Geneva, Ill.,	4.00	Georgetown,	24.00
Cincinnati, Ohio,	12.00	Bradford,	29.00
Chicopee Falls,	5.00	Haverhill,	13.00
East Boston,	5.00	Shirleysburgh, Pa., J. Brewster,	1,000.00
Enfield,	10.00	Otisco, N. Y.,	10.69
Wilmington, Del.	3.00	Geneva, "	2.00
Woburn,	10.00	Lima, "	8.15
South Reading,	12.00	Le Roy, "	3.12
Reading,	5.00	Rochester, "	3.00
Galena, Ill.,	5.00	Syracuse, "	25.60
Boston,	72.00	King's Ferry, "	11.75
Camden, Me.,	10.00	Homer "	1.00
New Britain, Ct.,	4.00	Nashua, N. H.,	9.00
Winchester,	9.00	Methuen,	6.25
Aulurn, N. H.,	2.00	Castleton, Vt.,	15.00
Dedham,	10.00	Boston,	107.00
Plattsburgh, N. Y.,	3.00	Walpole, N. H.,	20.00
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